Axecutive Froclamation State of South Dakota

Office Of The Governor

WHEREAS, Traffic accidents result in more violent injuries and deaths each year than any other cause in America; and,

WHEREAS. More than half of those who die driving are legally drunk, and their deadly behavior can cost society, in addition to immeasurable human suffering, as much as twenty-five billion dollars; and,

WHEREAS. In South Dakota, drunken driving's victims litter the roadways with their tragic memories; their deaths are marked by over 350 "symbolic tombstones" that resurrect the senseless carnage with a bright red "X"; and,

WHEREAS. While South Dakotans can understand and appreciate the need for tough drunken driver enforcement. more research is still needed to fully determine the full effects of other drugs on driving ability; and,

WHEREAS. The more the public learns to value the virtue of driving in total sobrlety, the fewer will be the human lives that are wasted as examples of this savage slaughter; and,

WHEREAS. The President has appointed a Commission on Drunk Driving to heighten public awareness and stimulate the pursuit of solutions; and,

WHEREAS. The Christmas and New Year's holiday period, with its libationary revelry and its crowded roadways, is a particularly appropriate time to focus national attention on this critical problem; and,

WHEREAS, As caring citizens, we owe it to our friends, our families, and ourselves to do our part to keep the drug-intoxicated among us out of cars and off the busy roadways of America:

NOW, THEREFORE. I, WILLIAM J. JANKLOW, Governor of the State of South Dakota. do hereby proclaim the week of December 12 through December 18, 1982. as

NATIONAL DRUNK AND DRUGGED DRIVING AWARENESS WEEK

In South Dakota.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Eighth Day of December. In the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Eighty-Two

WILLIAM J. JANKLOW, GOVERNOR

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